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DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

7887412 INSPEC Abstract Number: A2004-08-7660G-002
Title: sup 14/N **magnetic resonance** for materials detection in the field
Author(s): **Suits, B.H.; Garroway, A.N.**; Miller, J.B.; Sauer, K.L.
Author Affiliation: Dept. of Phys., Michigan Molecular Inst., Houghton, MI, USA
Journal: Solid State Nuclear Magnetic Resonance vol.24, no.2-3 p. 123-36
Publisher: Academic Press,
Publication Date: Sept.-Nov. 2003 Country of Publication: USA
CODEN: SSNRE4 ISSN: 0926-2040
SICI: 0926-2040(200309/11)24:2/3L.123:MRMD;1-4
Material Identity Number: H809-2003-006
U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0926-2040/03/$30.00
Language: English
Abstract: Nitrogen is prevalent in many materials, both naturally occurring and man-made. In particular, it is found in many explosives and other contraband materials. One technique for the detection of such materials in the field is the use of the **magnetic resonance** signal from the nearly 100% abundant, spin-1, /sup 14/N nuclei. Some of the difficulties with such measurements in the field include spurious signals from acoustic resonances, radio-frequency interference, and generally low signal-to-noise ratios. A summary of recent work by the authors to help mitigate these difficulties is presented.
Subfile: A

5/3,AB/2 (Item 2 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

7585923 INSPEC Abstract Number: A2003-10-7660G-002
Title: Secondary echoes in three-frequency nuclear quadrupole resonance of spin-1 nuclei
Author(s): Sauer, K.L.; **Suits, B.H.; Garroway, A.N.**; Miller, J.B.
Author Affiliation: Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC, USA
Journal: Journal of Chemical Physics vol.118, no.11 p.5071-81
Publisher: AIP,
Publication Date: 15 March 2003 Country of Publication: USA
CODEN: JCPSA6 ISSN: 0021-9606
SICI: 0021-9606(20030315)118:11L.5071:SETF;1-S
Material Identity Number: J008-2003-012
U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0021-9606/2003/118(11)/5071(11)/$19.00
Language: English
Abstract: We demonstrate, theoretically and experimentally, that the irradiation of a powder sample containing spin-1 nuclei by two of the three characteristic nuclear quadrupole resonance (NQR) frequencies can result in several echo signals at the third NQR frequency. One of these echoes, the principal echo, has the same shape and time of occurrence as an echo produced after a pair of single-frequency excitations. The other echoes are not equivalent to any single-frequency echo. These secondary echoes are the focus of this paper. The time of occurrence and shape of the secondary

echoes are determined by the correlation of the distribution in one transition frequency to the distribution in a second transition frequency. This correlation is in turn determined by the correlation between the distributions of the electric field gradient components, which is itself determined by the types and concentrations of crystalline defects present. We present the optimal conditions to observe such secondary echoes and compare theory with experiment using /sup 14/N (I=1) in powder samples of sodium nitrite and RDX.
Subfile: A

5/3,AB/3 (Item 3 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

7029979 INSPEC Abstract Number: A2001-20-3325-001
Title: Three-frequency nuclear quadrupole resonance of spin-1 nuclei
Author(s): Sauer, K.L.; **Suits, B.H.; Garroway, A.N.**; Miller, J.B.
Author Affiliation: Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC, USA
Journal: Chemical Physics Letters vol.342, no.3-4 p.362-8
Publisher: Elsevier,
Publication Date: 13 July 2001 Country of Publication: Netherlands
CODEN: CHPLBC ISSN: 0009-2614
SICI: 0009-2614(20010713)342:3/4L.362:TFNQ;1-N
Material Identity Number: C027-2001-031
U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0009-2614/2001/$20.00
Language: English
Abstract: We introduce a new nuclear quadrupole resonance (NQR) method for the detection of spin-1 nuclei, where the transition excited and directly detected is not irradiated at all. It is demonstrated, theoretically and experimentally, that the irradiation of a powder sample containing spin-1 nuclei by two of the three characteristic NQR frequencies can result in free induction decay (FID) and echo signals at the third NQR frequency. We present the optimal conditions for such three-frequency NQR experiments and compare theory with experiment using /sup 14/N (I=1) in a powder sample of sodium nitrite.
Subfile: A

5/3,AB/4 (Item 4 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

6199119 INSPEC Abstract Number: A1999-09-0758-004
Title: Surface and gradiometer coils near a conducting body: the lift-off effect
Author(s): **Suits, B.H.; Garroway, A.N.**; Miller, J.B.
Author Affiliation: Dept. of Phys., Michigan Technol. Univ., Houghton, MI, USA
Journal: Journal of Magnetic Resonance vol.135, no.2 p.373-9
Publisher: Academic Press,
Publication Date: Dec. 1998 Country of Publication: USA
CODEN: JOMRA4 ISSN: 1090-7807
SICI: 1090-7807(199812)135:2L.373:SGCN;1-Q
Material Identity Number: J153-1999-001
U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 1090-7807/98/$25.00
Language: English

Abstract: The use of surface coils in **magnetic resonance** is widespread. Examples include **MRI**, detection of subsurface aquifers by **NMR**, and, more recently, landmine detection by nuclear quadrupole resonance. In many of these cases a finite-sized sample to be examined is contained within a larger medium that is a poor electrical conductor, and eddy currents induced by the RF fields provide a loss mechanism that reduces the effective quality factor Q of the transmitter and receiver coils. Here the losses induced in a circular surface coil (a horizontal loop antenna) separated a distance from a dissipative medium are calculated and compared to measurements. It is shown that often the overall efficiency of the coil for **magnetic resonance** can be improved by displacing the coil away from the conducting medium a prescribed "lift-off" distance. The use of a gradiometer as a surface coil is also examined, and it is shown by theory and experiment that in certain circumstances such a gradiometer can be more efficient than a conventional surface coil for inspection of conducting media.

Subfile: A

5/3,AB/5 (Item 5 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

5969576 INSPEC Abstract Number: A9816-0758-013

Title: Super-Q detection of transient **magnetic resonance** signals

Author(s): **Suits, B.H.**; **Garroway, A.N.**; Miller, J.B.

Author Affiliation: Div. of Chem., Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC, USA

Journal: Journal of Magnetic Resonance vol.132, no.1 p.54-64

Publisher: Academic Press,

Publication Date: May 1998 Country of Publication: USA

CODEN: JOMRA4 ISSN: 1090-7807

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Language: English

Abstract: The signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) improvements with increasing detection coil quality factor, Q, are examined for the detection of known **magnetic resonance** signals in noise. It is found that in the absence of amplifier noise, SNR continues to increase with increasing Q even in the "super-Q" limit, when the bandwidth of the tuned detection circuit is smaller than that of the signal to be detected. In the super-Q limit, the maximum obtainable SNR is thus limited by noise from the amplifiers in the system. This contrasts with typical **NMR** measurements where the ultimate SNR is limited by thermal noise from the detection circuit. Explicit expressions are derived and are compared to experiments performed using electronically simulated spin echo signals.

Subfile: A

5/3,AB/6 (Item 6 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

5963400 INSPEC Abstract Number: A9816-0758-005

Title: Noise-immune coil for unshielded **magnetic resonance** measurements

Author(s): **Suits, B.H.**; **Garroway, A.N.**; Miller, J.B.

Author Affiliation: Dept. of Phys., Michigan Technol. Univ., Houghton, MI, USA
Journal: Journal of Magnetic Resonance vol.131, no.1 p.154-8
Publisher: Academic Press,
Publication Date: March 1998 Country of Publication: USA
CODEN: JOMRA4 ISSN: 1090-7807
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Material Identity Number: J153-98004
U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 1090-7807/98/$25.00
Language: English
Abstract: A modified split-loop resonator that is electrically balanced and that has no magnetic dipole moment is shown to be relatively immune to environmental noise. Using a **magnetic resonance** surface coil of this design for /sup 14/N NQR at 3.4 MHz, it is demonstrated that **magnetic resonance** measurements can be made in the laboratory without additional RF shielding and with less than a 2 dB increase in the RMS noise. Compared to more traditional designs, the modified split-loop resonator showed a net 17-dB gain in sensitivity for unshielded measurements.
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5/3,AB/7 (Item 1 from file: 8)
DIALOG(R)File 8:Ei Compendex(R)

06581361
E.I. No: EIP03437692475
Title: Optimizing surface coils and the self-shielded gradiometer
Author: **Suits, B.H.; Garroway, A.N.**
Corporate Source: Physics Department Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI 49931-1295, United States
Source: Journal of Applied Physics v 94 n 6 Sep 15 2003. p 4170-4178
Publication Year: 2003
CODEN: JAPIAU ISSN: 0021-8979
Language: English
Abstract: A computational method for optimizing both single- and two-layer surface coils is presented. The method is easy to implement in practice using either a variational approach or through standard numerical matrix diagonalization techniques. Results of the optimization procedure are evaluated using measurements on prototype coils for a number of configurations and the finite-element numerical techniques. The results show that it is possible to construct practical coils that approximate the theoretically optimized coils quite well. (Edited abstract) 21 Refs.

5/3,AB/8 (Item 2 from file: 8)
DIALOG(R)File 8:Ei Compendex(R)

05872684
E.I. No: EIP01336615535
Title: Remote sensing by nuclear quadrupole resonance
Author: **Garroway, A.N.**; Buess, M.L.; Miller, J.B.; **Suits, B.H.**; Hibbs, A.D.; Barrall, G.A.; Matthews, R.; Burnett, L.J.
Corporate Source: Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC 20375-5342, United States
Source: IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing v 39 n 6 June 2001. p 1108

Publication Year: 2001
CODEN: IGRSD2 ISSN: 0196-2892
Language: English
Abstract: Detection of explosives has the flavor of those mathematical problems that are not invertible. It is easier to hide explosives than to find them. Many approaches have been proposed and executed for the remote detection of explosives, contraband materials, weapons of mass destruction, currency, etc. Most detection technologies suffer from a common problem: the features they look for, such as discontinuties in electrical conductivity, are not unique properties of the target but are contained, to some degree, in the more benign surroundings. Such a degeneracy leads to "clutter" in the response. For example, resolving the false alarms generated by this clutter can determine the rate of advance of a conventional electromagnetic metal detector employed as a landmine detector. One approach that provides a "unique" signature is nuclear quadrupole resonance (NQR) (the technique is also called QR, to avoid confusion with strictly nuclear techniques). This paper outlines the important physical principles behind the use of NQR for remote detection, indicates areas of applicability, and presents recent results of field trials of a prototype landmine detection system. 44 Refs.

8/3,AB/1 (Item 1 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

7734082 INSPEC Abstract Number: B2003-10-7310L-008
Title: Optimizing surface coils and the self-shielded gradiometer
Author(s): **Suits, B.H.; Garroway, A.N.**
Author Affiliation: Phys. Dept., Michigan Technol. Univ., Houghton, MI, USA
Journal: Journal of Applied Physics vol.94, no.6 p.4170-8
Publisher: AIP,
Publication Date: 15 Sept. 2003 Country of Publication: USA
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Material Identity Number: J004-2003-019
U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0021-8979/2003/94(6)/4170(9)/$20.00
Language: English
Abstract: A computational method for optimizing both single- and two-layer surface coils is presented that is relatively easy to implement in practice using either a variational approach or through standard numerical matrix diagonalization techniques. The technique is applied, in particular, to develop a self-shielded gradiometer that is relatively immune to radiofrequency (rf) interference from distant sources with a minimal compromise to its ability to sense rf from nearby sources, properties necessary for **nuclear quadrupole resonance** detection of buried land mines. Results of the optimization procedure are evaluated using finite-element numerical techniques and measurements on prototype coils for a number of configurations. These results show that practical coils can be constructed that approximate the theoretically optimized coils quite well. In addition, the trade off between the surface coil sensitivity and noise immunity is presented for the self-shielded gradiometer configuration.
Subfile: B

8/3,AB/2 (Item 2 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

7065831 INSPEC Abstract Number: A2001-22-7660G-002
Title: Circularly polarized RF magnetic fields for spin-1 **NQR**
Author(s): Miller, J.B.; **Suits, B.H.; Garroway, A.N.**
Author Affiliation: Div. of Chem., Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC, USA
Journal: Journal of Magnetic Resonance vol.151, no.2 p.228-34
Publisher: Academic Press,
Publication Date: Aug. 2001 Country of Publication: USA
CODEN: JOMRA4 ISSN: 1090-7807
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Language: English
Abstract: The low sensitivity of **nuclear quadrupole resonance** (**NQR**) of powders is due, in part, to the inability to efficiently excite and detect nuclei at all crystal orientations. We describe the use of circularly polarized RF magnetic fields for excitation followed by detection of the resultant circular RF magnetization in I=1 **NQR** to increase the fraction of nuclei excited and detected. We show that the technique can greatly improve the effective RF field homogeneity and increase the largest signal amplitude by a factor of 1.72. In favorable

cases, the resulting circularly polarized **NQR** signal can be separated from linearly polarized magnetoacoustic and piezoelectric ringing artifacts that occur in some **NQR** materials detection applications.
Subfile: A

8/3,AB/3 (Item 3 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

6974083 INSPEC Abstract Number: B2001-08-7730-007
Title: Remote sensing by **nuclear quadrupole resonance**
Author(s): **Garroway, A.N.**; Buess, M.L.; Miller, J.B.; **Suits, B.H.**; Hibbs, A.D.; Barrall, G.A.; Matthews, R.; Burnett, L.J.
Author Affiliation: Naval Res. Lab., Washington, DC, USA
Journal: IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing vol.39, no.6 p.1108-18
Publisher: IEEE,
Publication Date: June 2001 Country of Publication: USA
CODEN: IGRSD2 ISSN: 0196-2892
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Material Identity Number: I341-2001-006
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Language: English
Abstract: Detection of explosives has the flavor of those mathematical problems that are not invertible. It is easier to hide explosives than to find them. Many approaches have been proposed and executed for the remote detection of explosives, contraband materials, weapons of mass destruction, currency, etc. Most detection technologies suffer from a common problem: the features they look for, such as discontinuities in electrical conductivity, are not unique properties of the target but are contained, to some degree, in the more benign surroundings. Such a degeneracy leads to "clutter" in the response. For example, resolving the false alarms generated by this clutter can determine the rate of advance of a conventional electromagnetic metal detector employed as a landmine detector. One approach that provides a "unique" signature is **nuclear quadrupole resonance** (**NQR**) (the technique is also called QR, to avoid confusion with strictly nuclear techniques). This paper outlines the important physical principles behind the use of **NQR** for remote detection, indicates areas of applicability, and presents results of field trials of a prototype landmine detection system.

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WPI Acc No: 2003-644781/200361
XRAM Acc No: C03-176191
XRPX Acc No: N03-512914
Specimen examining apparatus, e.g. for explosives with quadrupolar nuclei, radiates different radio frequency pulses to specimen along X-axis and Y-axis, and receives signal from specimen along Z-axis
Patent Assignee: QUANTUM MAGNETICS INC (QUAN-N); US SEC OF NAVY (USNA); GARROWAY A N (GARR-I); HUO S (HUOS-I); LEE Y K (LEEY-I); MILLER J B (MILL-I); SAUER K L (SAUE-I); SUITS B H (SUIT-I); US SECRETAR (USDA)

Inventor: **GARROWAY A N**; HUO S; LEE Y K; MILLER J B; SAUER K L; **SUITS B**; SUITS B H
Number of Countries: 095 Number of Patents: 003
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Abstract (Basic): US 20030071619 A1
Abstract (Basic):

NOVELTY - The apparatus radiate different radio frequency pulses to a specimen along X-axis and Y-axis, respectively. A signal is received from the specimen along a distinct Z-axis in response to irradiation. The radio frequency pulses and the signal are defined by the nuclear quadruple resonance frequencies of the nucleus of specimen.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for a method for detecting a class of target species containing nuclear quadrupolar nuclei.

USE - For detecting target species containing sub-kilogram quantities of narcotics and explosives having quadrupolar nuclei using **nuclear quadrupole resonance** (**NQR**) technique.

ADVANTAGE - Eliminates interfering signals from resonance acoustic ringing of certain metals at the irradiation frequency. Increases the signal-to-noise ratio per unit time, thus improving the detection precision of specimen having quadrupolar nuclei.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figures show the block diagram and schematic view of the above **NQR** system.

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DIALOG(R)File 350:Derwent WPIX

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WPI Acc No: 1999-153965/199913
XRPX Acc No: N99-110931
Nuclear quadrupole resonance method for detecting target material
Patent Assignee: US SEC OF NAVY (USNA); GARROWAY A N (GARR-I); MILLER J B (MILL-I); SUITS B (SUIT-I)
Inventor: **GARROWAY A N**; MILLER J B; **SUITS B**
Number of Countries: 024 Number of Patents: 004

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NOVELTY - The method involves emitting radio frequency (RF) fields in at least two, preferably three, non-parallel directions towards a sample, by passing (VII) the sample, via open end faces (404,406), through a single coil capable of generating RF fields in three orthogonal directions (X,Y,Z).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - The RF fields emitted in first and second directions induce first and second resonance signals in the sample that each include **nuclear quadrupole resonance (NQR)** and acoustic ringing comprising magnetostrictive and piezoelectric ringing. These resonance signals are analyzed to distinguish **NQR** from acoustic ringing, using the observation that acoustic ringing and **NQR** respond differently to an RF field.

An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for a probe coil for emitting RF fields in three orthogonal directions to detect **NQR** in a sample.

USE - For detecting the presence of target materials such as explosives and illegal drugs against a background of more benign materials.

ADVANTAGE - Provides accurate detection of **NQR** while reducing the likelihood of false alarms. Separates **NQR** from acoustic ringing induced in a sample.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing illustrates a type of birdcage coil capable of generating RF fields in three orthogonal directions according to the present invention.

Four electrically conducting surfaces arranged, alternately, as opposite, parallel faces of a cuboid (400a,b,c,d)

Open end faces to allow passage of sample into coil (404,406)

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